

## **Policy on ITAGs**

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ITAGs (Industry-Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guides) are a statewide transfer initiative that guarantees the award of college level credit to students earning agreed upon industry-recognized credentials. Students meeting credentialing requirements, regardless of where the learning was achieved, will be eligible to earn credit for specified courses deemed equivalent by faculty and endorsed by Ohio's public institutions of higher education to the stated industry-recognized credential. ITAGs are not meant to replace Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs). Knowing some CTAGs use credentials to align with college credit, ITAGs expand the concept of the value of credentials.

To reduce variability in the transfer credit evaluation and application process, a set of college level learning outcomes will be established for each ITAG. The set of learning outcomes, which will be aligned with applicable third-party program accreditation, credentialing, and/or other industry standards, will be vetted by faculty and industry as needed.

The goal of ITAGs is to recognize that learning can be validated by an industry-recognized credential and to provide a framework for the application of that learning at Ohio's public colleges and universities, Ohio Technical Centers, plus Ohio independent institutions. To help facilitate this goal, a steering committee will be formed to establish criteria for identifying which industry-recognized credentials shall be considered for ITAGs, to determine a priority order for evaluation and to make policy recommendations regarding ITAGS to the Chancellor. The steering committee will be comprised of representation from Ohio's public colleges, universities and technical centers, Ohio Department of Education, Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, and others as determined to be appropriate by the Chancellor. The steering committee will be facilitated by the ODHE staff members in the Ohio Articulation Transfer Network, Program Approval, and Higher Education Workforce Alignment.